



**South Canyon
Lutheran Church**

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Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 9:00am- 4:00 pm

Fridays: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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IN THE NEWS

OCTOBER 2024

Worship Service Times

- Wednesday at 6:00 pm
- Saturdays at 5:30 pm
- Sundays at 9:00 am
- Communion is offered on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays & prior Saturday nights



How to Get Connected

Social Media:



facebook.com/south canyon lutheran

<https://onrealm.org/SouthCanyonLuth>

Services Online

We are live on Sundays at 9:00 am here:



South Canyon Lutheran YouTube



facebook.com/south canyon lutheran

Get Text & Email Alerts:

Call the church office to get set up with our app-based platform so you can receive text. Let us know if you have an email where you would like to receive newsletters and other information, including Weekly Connections.

Download our Realm App:

We have a wonderful app for downloading. Call the church office to learn how!

Call or Email our Main Office:

Main Office: 605.343.4887

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NEED TO CATCH UP?

Catch all the livestream and videos on our website or on YouTube at any time. Go to our website: sclc-rc.org and click on box to join us online.

Services are archived for viewing.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAUL J. ERDAL, *Interim Pastor*



“... For By Grace”

As I consider the Reformation, what stands out for me is the life changing scripture passage for Martin Luther. In Psalm 22, Luther was struck by the words, ***“My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”*** (Mark 15:34). Christ was for-saken by God, Christ suffered torment, but why should Christ have suffered such torments? Luther could understand why he should suffer as cast off from God, being the weak, sinful and undeserving man he was. But Christ was divine, pure, entirely without sin! The only answer was that Christ suffered in our place. Martin Luther was discovering the doctrine of substitutionary atonement.

Martin Luther discovered from the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Romans: ¹⁶ ***For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*** ¹⁷ ***For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, ‘The one who is righteous will live by faith.’***” ([Romans 1:16-17](#)).

When people think of the Reformation, they often think about the SOLA (alone) remarks. Neither Martin Luther nor any other Protestant Reformer summarized his teachings in a tidy list including Scripture alone, Christ alone, faith alone, grace alone, to the glory of God alone. This is just a modern day way of summarizing the Reformation Theology:

Sola Scriptura (“Scripture alone”): The Bible alone is our highest authority.

Sola Fide (“faith alone”): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

Sola Gratia (“grace alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone.

Solus Christus (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.

Soli Deo Gloria (“glory to God alone”): All glory belongs to God alone.

This Reformed Theology still captures the graciousness and Christ-centeredness revealed in Scripture.

As I say farewell to my dear members of South Canyon Lutheran Church, I hope you know the gospel of God in Jesus Christ. I hope my messages to you were clear. You have nothing to fear. You have the promises of God in Jesus Christ. Hold onto what God has promised you. Hold onto Jesus!

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Shalom

Paul J. Erdal, *Interim Pastor*

Thank You Pastor Paul and Bless you



See, Grow, Serve
to the Glory of God!

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Home of Friend-Ship Preschool

September 29, 2024

Dear Diane Tschetter and Members of Church Council,
In the name of our Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

The Apostle Paul remembered to be thankful to the Church in Philippi: *"I thank my God every time I remember you"* (Philippians 1:3).

This letter comes to you with **Gratitude**, **Appreciation**, and **Thanksgiving** for our partnership in ministry together as a community of faith!

I give my 30-Day notification as of today, September 29, 2024. I am resigning my call to serve as Interim Pastor and I have accepted a call to serve First Lutheran Church in Volga, South Dakota. My last day at South Canyon Lutheran Church will be October 29, 2024. I still have a week of vacation, which I will take as transition time to pack and move.

I am excited for your new partnership with a called pastor. I join you, as you anticipate, hope, and envision your ministry together in this new partnership.

As I continue to be in prayer with you, I covet your prayer for me and my ministry with a new community of faith. Like the Apostle Paul, I too am thankful ... *every time I remember you* ... South Canyon Lutheran Church for our time together as partners of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Partner in Ministry,

Pastor Paul J Erdal

So who is this new pastor we called to our congregation? This is me!!



Sydnee, Rory, Brian, Paxton, Dawn, Rod, Pastor Deb, Brandon, Haylee, Tyler July, 2023

I am...

- A child of God - baptized, confirmed and raised in the Lutheran Church.
- The oldest daughter of Richard and Janice Jasmer. I was raised on the family farm outside of Leola, SD. My parents are retired teachers and farmers.
- A wife of 34 years – married to Rodney Grismer who is a police officer at the Black Hills VA in Hot Springs. He is also a certified Addictions Counselor.
- A mother to three – Brian (Dawn) Malsam (my stepson) who lives near Roscoe, SD Brandon Grismer who lives in Ft. Collins, CO. His baby is Glen Coco, a bearded dragon. Haylee Grismer, US Air Force, currently stationed at Warner Robins AFB in Georgia. She heads to Korea for a year the beginning of December. Her fiancée, Tyler, Air Force, will be staying in Georgia to take care of their fur babies, Onyx (cat) and Bear (dog). They are getting married March 28, 2025 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. (Yes, I will be gone for a week during Lent.)
- A former dog mom to Brownie who died at the age of 17, June 2023. I am easily distracted by dogs and children.
- A grandmother to three beautiful granddaughters – Sydnee (Junior), Paxton (6th Grade) and Rory (Kindergarten). All attend Edmunds Central School.
- A 1991 graduate of Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD, where I earned a double major in Elementary and Special Education. I taught for 10 years (high school special ed, early childhood instructor and preschool owner/teacher) before heading to seminary.
- A 2006 graduate of Luther Seminary, St Paul, MN where I earned a Master of Divinity degree.
- A former staff pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD. Bethlehem was my first-call congregation. I served there for eight years before resigning to move to Hot Springs in September, 2014, to join my husband. Bethlehem is a large church with three pastors and multiple staff members.
- A former part-time Chaplain and part-time Adult and Aging Specialist (temporarily) at the MJF State Veteran's Home in Hot Springs.
- I just resigned my call as a solo pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hermosa. I began my call there as a part-time interim for all of 2015. In March of 2016, I was called as their full-time solo pastor.
- A lover of God, children, the color purple, chocolate, tea and Sprite Zero as well as visiting with people and listening to their stories.

Pastor Deb Grismer

WHAT'S HAPPENING



We look forward to offering our Free Lunch ministry to high school students and staff again on Tuesday October 22. We've received many words of gratitude for our friendly hospitality and warm welcome. Hats off to our volunteers! Please add your name to the sign up sheet and help support this outreach ministry by volunteering for a shift or donating baked goods. The shifts available are 9:45 am to 11:45 am, and 11:45 am to 1:45 pm. You can also email Diane at bdtschet@gmail.com with your availability and preferred shift, and or your willingness to bring baked goods by 9:45 am on the 22nd. Baked goods can be labeled Free Lunch and dropped off Sunday or Monday as well. Thank you in advance for your amazing support.

COFFEE with COUNCIL

Second Sunday coffee with the Council. On the second Sunday of each month some council members will be available to meet with congregational members in the Koinonia Kafe for fellowship, conversation, listening, and to promote good communication with the congregation. Join them Oct 13 and the second Sunday of each month thereafter.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

We love having our Wednesday evening meals together as a church family! It is such a blessing to come together. We thank God for this opportunity, we thank our faithful volunteer kitchen crew & cooks (Bob & Butch).

Needed - 4 additional people to help serve every week from 5 to 6pm

Needed - another 4 to 5 people to help with clean-up - 6 to 640pm. (Saturday or Sunday people - this is a great way to help parents worship with their children on Wednesday nights, their time to worship)

There is a sign up at the welcome center for each week. Please help out once a month, once a week, once in awhile.

Thank you in advance!

We're still looking to hire someone to coordinate this wonderful meal, contact the office if interested.

WEDNESDAY MEALS in October

- October 9 - Tator Tot Casserole
- October 16 - Chicken & Rice, Gumbo & Jambalya
- October 23 - Grilled Brats & Hot Dogs
- October 30 - Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Each week we will have salad, veggies, desserts, and hot dogs.



Special Offering for October

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: WellFully

WellFully is the only residential group care home and residential addiction recovery program for adolescents in western South Dakota.

Originally founded as WellSpring in 1990, WellFully's programs have provided addiction recovery, behavioral and psychiatric residential care to thousands of youth, giving them the counseling, medical and educational services they needed. A total of 98% of the youth who have been served have been living in poverty and 74% of the youth have experienced abuse and neglect in their lives.

The name was changed to WellFully in 2017 to better define their goals - working with at-risk adolescents with the goal to make them Fully Well.

Donations can be made directly on their website <https://www.wellfullypacc.org/about>, through Realm (our church site) or using an envelope in the back of the church. There are also lists of other needed items that can be dropped by the church and put in the Blessing Basket.

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to the generous donation from Thrivent and the amazing response from our congregation we were able to deliver snacks to Stevens High School and Central High School. Thank you SCLC, the schools were so grateful.



Thank you!

Although I don't know your identity, I am so very grateful that you found my money clip in the parking lot after the Saturday evening service on September 21, and that you turned it into the church office.

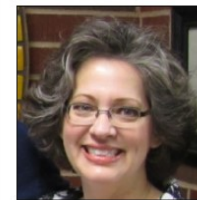
The money clip was given to me by my best friends, and it is special to me.... As are you for finding it. Thank you very much for having a servant heart.

God's blessings to you,

Mac McCracken



Director of Worship



Ellen Shirley
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News of Note



Music is in full swing at South Canyon! All of our groups, Hand Bells, Joyful Noise, Kid's Choir, Sanctuary Choir and Wednesday Worship Band are up and running, but could ALWAYS use more members to add to their numbers!

Our Wednesday Worship has a little different format this year, but it still includes Gizzy and Friends and the Noisy Can Offering, so start saving those coins! We've added a Blessing Basket Challenge this year to the offering. Weekly Challenges will be added to the back of the bulletin. We are hoping to receive so many blessings on a weekly basis that we have to push the grocery cart around the sanctuary to collect them all! Also look for the Prayer Request for Joys and Concerns that's at the back of the sanctuary. The Prayer Requests you share will become the Prayers of the People during worship.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Sunday, Oct. 20th at 3:00 p.m. for the **Dakota Choral Union** Fall Concert, *Places*, that will be held right here at South Canyon! Our sixty-voice choir has many beautiful pieces to share with you, including *Shenandoah* and *Loch Lomond* as well as a few spirituals. Kantorei, as featured on NPR's In the Moment with Lori Walsh this summer, is also performing. It will be an hour of wonderful choral music and a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon! Tickets are \$10 at the door, students are free. Come and bring a friend. It's a great way to get people into the church!



Sunday, Oct 27 worship will be led by Joyful Noise and will include Affirmation of Baptism.

What a wonderful way to celebrate Reformation!

Ellen



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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

October 9th: 6:40 to 7:15pm - Whirly Wednesday
PreK through 5th Grade – Faith Formation
6th through 8th Grade – Connect Lesson
9th Grade Confirmation – Help with PreK – 5th Grade
2024 Conformation Group – 10 Commandments 6-10
Youth Group – Pumpkin Project (those not in 9th Grade & 2024 Confirmation)

October 13th: 10:05 to 10:45am – Spark Sunday
PreK through 5th Grade – Faith Formation
6th through 8th Grade – Blanket Tying
9th Grade Confirmation – Blanket Tying
2024 Confirmation – Quilt Tying with Mentor
Youth Group – Blanket Tying

October 16th: 6:40 to 7:15pm - Whirly Wednesday
PreK through 5th Grade – Blanket Tying
6th through 8th Grade – Blanket Tying
9th Grade Confirmation – Blanket Tying
2024 Conformation Group – Quilt Tying with Mentor/Session VI
Youth Group – Blanket Tying

October 20th: 10:05 to 10:45am – Spark Sunday
PreK through 5th Grade – Faith Formation
2024 Confirmation – Delivery of Pumpkins
Youth Group – Delivery of Pumpkins

October 23rd: 6:40 to 7:15pm - Whirly Wednesday
PreK through 5th Grade – Faith Formation
6th through 8th Grade – Faith for Teens
9th Grade Confirmation – Mentor - Session 1
2024 Conformation Group – Sacrament of Baptism/Holy Communion
Youth Group – Prepare for Trunk or Treat

October 27th: 10:05 to 10:45am – Spark Sunday
PreK through 5th Grade – Faith Formation
2024 Confirmation – **Affirmation of Baptism**

October 30th: 6:00 to 7:30pm - Whirly Wednesday
All Faith Formation Groups – Halloween Trunk or Treat with Movie, Popcorn plus Special Event

Everyone is invited to attend Worship on Sunday, October 27th for
Affirmation of Baptism of the 2024 Confirmation Group.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm-Bell Choir	2 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	3	4 1:45pm - Kid's Choir	5 5:30pm Worship
6 9am-Worship (live streamed) 10am- Spark Sunday	7 6pm-DCU practice	8 6:30pm-Bell Choir	9 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 9am-Elizabeth Circle Bible 5pm-Meal 6pm - Worship 6:40-Whirly Wednesday 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	10 9am-Piecemakers	11 No Kid's Choir today	12 5:30pm-Worship with communion
13 9am-Worship with com- munion 10am-Spark Sunday	14 6pm-DCU practice	15 6:30pm-Bell Choir	16 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 5pm - MEAL 6pm- Worship 6:40pm-Whirly Wednesday 6:40-Joyful Noise 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	17 9am-Piecemakers	18 3:45pm-Kid's Choir	19 8:30am-Book Club 5:30pm-Worship
20 9am-Worship (live streamed) 10am-Spark Sunday 3PM - DCU Concert	21 6pm-DCU practice	22 Free Lunch for HS Students & Staff 6pm-Council 6:30pm-Bell Choir	23 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 5pm-Meal 6pm- Worship 6:40pm-Whirly Wednesday 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	24 9am-Piecemakers	25 3:45pm-Kid's Choir	26 5:30pm-Worship with communion
27 Affirmation of Baptism during worship 9am-Worship with communion (live streamed) 10am-Spark Sunday	28 6pm-DCU practice	29	30 5pm - Meal 6pm - TRUNK or TREAT Special Event Night	31		



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Preschool 3's - 8:45 AM 11:15 AM

Pre-Kindergarten 3 day:
M, W, F - 8:45 AM to 12 PM

Pre-Kindergarten 5 day:
M-F - 8:45 AM to 12 PM

Friend-Ship Preschool Staff

Rana Holland, Preschool Director

Julie Kokesh, Preschool Teacher

Laura Mason, Preschool Teacher

Dawn Dockter, Preschool Teacher

Ministry of the Month

WellFully

We are collecting Health
& Beauty Items for the
youth who stay at the
residential care program

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